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THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION: MARCH 1974

Employment and unemployment were about unchanged in March, it was announced today by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. The Nation's unemployment rate, at 5.1 percent, was essentially the same as in the preceding 2 months, after rising during the October 1973-January 1974 period.

Total employment (as measured by the monthly sample survey of households) was 85.9 million in March, showing little change for the second consecutive month. Nonfarm payroll employment (as measured by the monthly survey of business establishments) moved down slightly, with most of the decline occurring in the durable goods industries. Both of these employment indicators have shown relatively little movement since last fall, after rising rapidly over most of the 1972-73 period.

Unemployment

Both the level and rate of unemployment were about unchanged in March, marking the second straight month they have shown little or no change. At 4.6 million, the number of unemployed persons was 530,000 above the level of October 1973, when joblessness reached a 3-1/2 year low. The jobless rate was 5.1 percent, compared to 5.2 percent in January and February; the March figure was half a percentage point above the October level and about equal to the year ago rate (5.0 percent).

This month's release introduces additional detail in the household data tables (the "A" tables). Also introduced for the first time is a quarterly presentation of the job situation for persons of Spanish origin, including comparisons with white and black workers. This information will appear regularly in the March, June, September, and December releases.

The jobless situation for most of the major labor force categories was also little changed in March. (See table A-2.) The unemployment rates of household heads (3.0 percent) and married men (2.4 percent), as well as those of adult males (3.4 percent), adult females (5.0 percent), and teenagers (15.0 percent) showed little or no change for the second straight month. Rates for white and Negro workers, at 4.6 and 9.4 percent, respectively, have been essentially unchanged since January.

Table A. Highlights of the employment situation (seasonally adjusted data)

Selected categories	Quarterly averages					Monthly data		
	1973				1974	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	I	II	III	IV	I	1974	1974	1974
(Millions of persons)								
Civilian labor force	87.6	88.5	89.0	89.9	90.5	90.5	90.6	90.5
Total employment	83.2	84.1	84.8	85.7	85.8	85.8	85.8	85.9
Adult men	47.5	47.7	48.1	48.5	48.5	48.7	48.5	48.4
Adult women	28.6	29.2	29.5	29.7	29.7	29.5	29.7	29.9
Teenagers	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
Unemployment	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.6
(Percent of labor force)								
Unemployment rates:								
All workers	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.7	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.1
Adult men	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4
Adult women	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.0
Teenagers	14.7	14.7	14.3	14.3	15.3	15.6	15.3	15.0
White	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6
Negro and other races	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.6	9.4	9.4	9.2	9.4
Household heads	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Married men	2.4	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4
Full-time workers	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6
State insured	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.3
(Weeks)								
Average duration of unemployment	10.6	9.9	9.7	9.9	9.5	9.4	9.6	9.4
(Millions of persons)								
Nonfarm payroll employment	74.6	75.3	75.7	76.6	76.7p	76.5	76.7p	76.6p
Goods-producing industries	23.7	24.0	24.2	24.4	24.2p	24.3	24.2p	24.1p
Service-producing industries	50.9	51.3	51.6	52.1	52.4p	52.2	52.5p	52.5p
(Hours of work)								
Average weekly hours:								
Total private nonfarm	37.1	37.2	37.1	37.0	36.8p	36.7	36.9p	36.8p
Manufacturing	40.7	40.7	40.7	40.6	40.3p	40.2	40.5p	40.3p
Manufacturing overtime	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.5p	3.4	3.5p	3.5p
(1967=100)								
Hourly Earnings Index, private nonfarm:								
In current dollars	142.7	145.0	147.8	150.4	152.4p	151.7	152.4p	153.1p
In constant dollars	110.8	110.3	110.0	109.3	NA	108.4	107.5p	NA

p= preliminary.
N.A.= not available.

SOURCE: Tables A-1, A-3, A-4, B-1, B-2, and B-4.

The unemployment rate for Vietnam-era veterans 20 to 34 years old (5.1 percent) held about steady for the second consecutive month. However, this rate was up from levels prevailing in late 1973 and was about the same as a year earlier. The rate for the younger (20-24), more recently discharged veterans, at 9.0 percent, was more than double the rates for the older, growing majority of veterans--4.3 percent for the 25-29 year-olds and 2.8 percent for those 30-34.

The unemployment rate for workers covered by State unemployment insurance programs inched up to 3.3 percent in March. This marked the third consecutive monthly rise in this rate, which had remained at or very near the 2.7-percent level throughout 1973.

The composition of the unemployed in terms of the reasons for their joblessness has remained stable since January. (See table A-5.) All of the 530,000 increase in unemployment that has occurred since October 1973, however, has been accounted for by job loss. Over this period, the number of workers receiving unemployment benefits under State programs has risen by 430,000, indicating that most of the persons added to unemployment rolls were compensated for at least part of their lost wages.

The average duration of unemployment, at 9.4 weeks, was about the same in March as in the previous 3 months. Since March a year ago, average duration has dropped by 1.2 weeks. (See table A-4.)

Civilian Labor Force and Total Employment

The civilian labor force, at 90.5 million in March, was about unchanged for the second month in a row. Since March 1973, however, the civilian labor force has expanded by 2.3 million. (See table A-1.)

Total employment, at 85.9 million, was also little changed for the second straight month. In fact, after rising rapidly for 2 years, total employment has shown relatively little growth since last October. Although white-collar employment has continued to expand at a strong pace, rising by more than 800,000 over the October-March period, this growth has been largely offset by a decline in blue-collar jobs. The blue-collar decrease has taken place entirely among operatives and is in part a reflection of the layoffs in the auto industry.

The number of persons working part time because of economic reasons (such as material shortages or slack work) fell by 210,000 in March to 2.5 million, reversing the upward trend evident since the fall of 1973. (See table A-3.)

Industry Payroll Employment

Nonagricultural payroll employment declined slightly (125, 000) in March from an upwardly revised February figure of 76. 8 million (seasonally adjusted). This reduction stemmed from a curtailment of 150, 000 jobs in the goods-producing industries, two-thirds of it in durable goods manufacturing. (See table B-1.)

Within manufacturing, the transportation equipment industry experienced heavy job losses for the third straight month. The total decline in March was more than 50, 000. Employment in the industry--which in addition to automobiles produces airplanes, watercraft, recreational vehicles, and the like--has declined by 200, 000 since last November. March employment was also down in primary and fabricated metals industries and in electrical machinery (due partly to labor disputes in that industry). Jobs in other goods-producing industries--contract construction and mining--declined by a total of 40, 000 over the month.

Employment remained about unchanged in the service-producing industries in March, but this followed an unusually sharp gain of 240, 000 in the previous month. Since January, the strongest employment growth has taken place in retail trade, services, and State and local government.

Hours of Work

The average workweek of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls edged down 0.1 hour from its February level to 36. 8 hours, seasonally adjusted. The workweek was three-tenths of an hour below March a year earlier. In manufacturing, the average workweek fell by 0. 2 hour in March to 40. 3 hours and was 0. 6 hour below its year-ago level. Average overtime in manufacturing was unchanged at 3. 5 hours but had declined by 0. 4 hour since March 1973. (See table B-2.)

Hourly and Weekly Earnings

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on nonagricultural payrolls rose at a seasonally adjusted rate of 0. 5 percent in March. Since March 1973, hourly earnings have risen by 6. 6 percent. Average weekly earnings rose by 0. 2 percent in March. Over the past year, weekly earnings have increased by 5. 7 percent.

Before adjustment for seasonality, average hourly earnings rose by 1 cent in March to \$4. 05. (See table B-3.) Since March a year ago, hourly earnings have increased by 25 cents. Weekly earnings averaged \$148. 23 in March, up 77 cents from February and \$8. 01 since March 1973.

The Hourly Earnings Index

The Hourly Earnings Index--earnings adjusted for overtime in manufacturing, seasonality, and the effects of changes in the proportion of workers in high-wage and low-wage industries--was 153.1 (1967=100) in March, 0.5 percent higher than in February. (See table B-4.) The Index was 6.8 percent above March a year ago. All industries recorded gains over the past 12 months, ranging from 6.6 percent in the services and transportation and public utilities industries to 9.2 percent in mining. During the 12-month period ended in February, the Hourly Earnings Index in dollars of constant purchasing power declined 2.8 percent.

Quarterly Labor Force Developments

The Nation's labor force which has been expanding rapidly since mid-1971 rose by 640,000 in the first quarter of 1974 to 90.5 million. This followed a rise of 930,000 in the previous quarter.

The first quarter expansion in the labor force substantially exceeded the rise in employment, and the jobless rate therefore increased sharply--from 4.7 percent in the fourth quarter of 1973 to 5.2 percent in the first quarter. In contrast, over the 1972-73 period employment growth had equaled or exceeded labor force gains, bringing the jobless rate steadily downward from a first quarter 1972 high of 5.9 percent.

Details of these developments plus a new section on the status of persons of Spanish origin follow.

Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment

The labor force gain in the first quarter reflected the normal growth of the working age population and a further increase in the participation rate, which edged up to 61.3 percent, the highest in over 2 decades. Among the major age-sex groups, participation rates rose slightly for adult women (from 44.6 to 44.8) and teenagers (from 55.4 to 56.1 percent) but remained unchanged for adult men (81.4 percent).

Total employment rose by 170,000 in the first quarter, a much slower pace than it had shown since mid-1971. At 85.8 million, the employment level was equivalent to 58.1 percent of the civilian noninstitutional population 16 years and over, down slightly from the previous quarter. This ratio of employment to the population had been rising steadily since the second quarter of 1971. (See table A-7.)

The number of unemployed persons rose by 470,000 to 4.7 million in the first quarter, and the overall jobless rate moved from 4.7 to 5.2 percent, the largest quarter-to-quarter rise since the third quarter of 1970. The increase in joblessness

was experienced by all three major age-sex groups, whose rates returned to levels prevailing in late 1972.

Negro-White Differences

The Negro labor force rose by 140, 000 or 1. 4 percent in the first quarter, while the white labor force rose by a lesser degree, 0. 6 percent. These labor force gains, however, exceeded the employment expansion for both groups, with a resultant increase in the Negro jobless rate from 8. 6 to 9. 3 percent, while the rate for whites moved up from 4. 2 to 4. 7 percent. These developments held the ratio of their jobless rates at 2. 0 to 1. This relationship has generally held at 2 to 1 or more since the Korean War period, except for a narrowing during the 1969-71 cyclical downturn and initial stages of recovery.

Among persons not in the labor force, the proportion expressing some desire to be working "now" (although not currently seeking jobs) has also averaged at least twice as large for Negroes as for whites. It was 20 percent for Negroes and 8 percent for whites in the first quarter of 1974. Within this category, about 160, 000 Negroes and 530, 000 whites were not looking for jobs because of discouragement over job prospects. Thus, Negroes continue to be disproportionately represented among the "discouraged" as well as among the unemployed.

Persons of Spanish Origin

As announced on April 3 (USD L 74-124), regular publication of statistics on the employment status of persons of Spanish origin begins with this issue of the Employment Situation and will continue quarterly here and in the monthly BLS periodical, Employment and Earnings. These data, which are now being tabulated from the Current Population Survey and are not adjusted for seasonality, refer to persons who identified themselves as being of Spanish origin. These data are tabulated without regard to color. For a description of the self-identification method of determining the Spanish origin population and a few of the other major technical aspects of the data collection, see "Employment and Unemployment Among Americans of Spanish Origin" (based on 1973 annual average data), which will appear in the April 1974 issue of the Monthly Labor Review.

The Spanish origin civilian labor force averaged 3. 6 million during the first quarter of 1974. These workers accounted for 4 percent of the Nation's labor force, in line with their proportion of the population. Their overall labor force participation rate, at 59. 2 percent, was about equal to the rate for black workers but somewhat lower than that for whites. (See table B.)

Table B. Employment status of the civilian population of Spanish origin and color, by sex and age, first quarter 1974 averages not seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Employment status	Total	White	Negro ¹	Spanish origin ²
TOTAL				
Civilian noninstitutional population...	147,604	130,562	15,017	6,148
Civilian labor force.....	89,387	79,242	8,880	3,640
Percent of population.....	60.6	60.7	59.1	59.2
Employment.....	84,420	75,236	8,006	3,333
Agriculture.....	3,271	3,005	214	229
Nonagricultural industries.....	81,149	72,231	7,792	3,104
Unemployment.....	4,968	4,006	874	307
Unemployment rate.....	5.6	5.1	9.8	8.4
Not in labor force.....	58,217	51,320	6,137	2,508

¹Data relate to Negro workers only, who account for 89 percent of the Negro and other races population.

²Data on persons of Spanish origin are tabulated separately, without regard to race/color, which means that they are also included in the data for white and Negro workers. According to the 1970 Census, approximately 98 percent of their population is white.

An average of 3.3 million persons of Spanish origin was employed during the quarter, 54.2 percent of their civilian noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. This ratio of employment to population was well below that for whites (58.0 percent) but little different from that of Negroes (55.7 percent).

During the January-March period, some 310,000 workers of Spanish origin were unemployed. At 8.4 percent, their jobless rate was substantially above the 5.1-percent rate for white workers, but a bit below the 9.8-percent rate for black workers. The ratio of Spanish-to-white unemployment rates of 1.6 to 1 indicates that, relative to the size of their respective labor forces, for every 10 white workers unemployed there were 16 jobless workers of Spanish origin.

This release presents and analyzes statistics from two major surveys. Data on labor force, total employment, and unemployment are derived from the sample survey of households conducted and tabulated by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Statistics on payroll employment, hours, and earnings are collected by State agencies from payroll records of employers and are tabulated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. A description of the two surveys appears in the BLS publication *Employment and Earnings*.

Table A-1. Employment status of the noninstitutional population

[Numbers in thousands]

Employment status	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted					
	Mar. 1973	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974
TOTAL									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	147,541	149,857	150,066	147,541	149,208	149,436	149,656	149,857	150,066
Total labor force	89,686	91,692	91,884	90,523	92,186	92,315	92,801	92,814	92,747
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	145,181	147,599	147,816	145,181	146,924	147,155	147,398	147,599	147,816
Civilian labor force	87,326	89,434	89,633	88,162	89,903	90,033	90,543	90,556	90,496
Employed	82,814	84,294	84,878	83,782	85,649	85,669	85,811	85,803	85,863
Agriculture	3,131	3,283	3,334	3,469	3,561	3,643	3,794	3,852	3,699
Nonagricultural industries	79,683	81,011	81,544	80,313	82,088	82,026	82,017	81,951	82,164
Unemployed	4,512	5,140	4,755	4,380	4,254	4,364	4,732	4,753	4,633
Unemployment rate	5.2	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.1
Not in labor force	57,855	58,165	58,183	57,019	57,021	57,121	56,855	57,043	57,320
Males, 20 years and over									
Total noninstitutional population ¹	62,551	63,536	63,622	62,551	63,225	63,355	63,455	63,536	63,622
Total labor force	51,131	51,772	51,752	51,307	51,791	51,931	52,197	52,139	51,912
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	60,617	61,709	61,801	60,617	61,359	61,510	61,628	61,709	61,801
Civilian labor force	49,198	49,945	49,931	49,373	49,926	50,085	50,371	50,312	50,091
Employed	47,267	47,754	47,962	47,694	48,425	48,559	48,660	48,529	48,379
Agriculture	2,388	2,483	2,503	2,524	2,544	2,569	2,687	2,708	2,646
Nonagricultural industries	44,879	45,271	45,459	45,170	45,881	45,990	45,973	45,821	45,733
Unemployed	1,931	2,191	1,969	1,679	1,501	1,526	1,711	1,783	1,712
Unemployment rate	3.9	4.4	3.9	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.4
Not in labor force	11,420	11,764	11,870	11,244	11,434	11,424	11,258	11,397	11,710
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	68,908	69,937	70,035	68,908	69,701	69,781	69,840	69,937	70,035
Civilian labor force	30,482	31,512	31,650	30,330	31,183	31,169	31,133	31,329	31,498
Employed	29,004	29,823	30,089	28,834	29,704	29,596	29,519	29,722	29,916
Agriculture	457	479	493	568	550	595	628	641	613
Nonagricultural industries	28,547	29,343	29,596	28,266	29,154	29,001	28,891	29,081	29,303
Unemployed	1,477	1,689	1,561	1,496	1,479	1,573	1,614	1,607	1,582
Unemployment rate	4.8	5.4	4.9	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.0
Not in labor force	38,427	38,426	38,385	38,578	38,518	38,612	38,707	38,608	38,537
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,655	15,952	15,981	15,655	15,864	15,864	15,930	15,952	15,981
Civilian labor force	7,647	7,977	8,052	7,459	8,794	8,779	9,039	8,915	8,907
Employed	6,543	6,717	6,826	7,254	7,520	7,514	7,632	7,552	7,568
Agriculture	286	320	338	377	467	479	479	503	440
Nonagricultural industries	6,257	6,397	6,488	6,877	7,053	7,035	7,153	7,049	7,128
Unemployed	1,104	1,260	1,226	1,205	1,274	1,265	1,407	1,363	1,339
Unemployment rate	14.4	15.8	15.2	14.2	14.5	14.4	15.6	15.3	15.0
Not in labor force	8,008	7,976	7,928	7,196	7,070	7,085	6,891	7,037	7,074
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	128,632	130,555	130,739	128,632	130,086	130,197	130,393	130,555	130,739
Civilian labor force	77,451	79,301	79,483	78,104	79,673	79,704	80,089	80,122	80,163
Employed	73,825	75,137	75,675	74,634	76,339	76,223	76,328	76,354	76,498
Unemployed	3,626	4,164	3,808	3,470	3,334	3,481	3,761	3,768	3,665
Unemployment rate	4.7	5.3	4.8	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.6
Not in labor force	51,181	51,255	51,256	50,528	50,413	50,493	50,304	50,433	50,576
NEGRO AND OTHER RACES									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	16,549	17,044	17,077	16,549	16,839	16,958	17,005	17,044	17,077
Civilian labor force	9,876	10,133	10,150	10,006	10,210	10,300	10,499	10,340	10,289
Employed	8,989	9,157	9,203	9,109	9,299	9,412	9,513	9,390	9,323
Unemployed	887	976	948	897	911	888	986	950	966
Unemployment rate	9.0	9.6	9.3	9.0	8.9	8.6	9.4	9.2	9.4
Not in labor force	6,675	6,911	6,927	6,543	6,629	6,658	6,506	6,704	6,788

¹ Seasonal variations are not present in the population figures; therefore, identical numbers appear in the unadjusted and seasonally adjusted columns.

NOTE: Data relate to the noninstitutional population 16 years of age and over. Total noninstitutional population and total labor force include persons in the Armed Forces.

Table A-2. Major unemployment indicators, seasonally adjusted

Selected categories	Number of unemployed persons (In thousands)		Unemployment rates					
	Mar. 1973	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974
Total, 16 years and over	4,380	4,633	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.1
Males, 20 years and over	1,679	1,712	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.4
Females, 20 years and over	1,496	1,582	4.9	4.7	5.0	5.2	5.1	5.0
Both sexes, 16-19 years	1,205	1,339	14.2	14.5	14.4	15.6	15.3	15.0
White, total	3,470	3,665	4.4	4.2	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.6
Males, 20 years and over	1,376	1,366	3.1	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.2	3.0
Females, 20 years and over	1,153	1,284	4.4	4.1	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.7
Both sexes, 16-19 years	941	1,015	12.5	12.7	12.8	13.7	13.3	12.8
Negro and other races, total	897	966	9.0	8.9	8.6	9.4	9.2	9.4
Males, 20 years and over	304	351	6.0	5.5	4.9	5.8	6.6	6.8
Females, 20 years and over	335	291	8.2	8.7	8.7	9.1	7.9	7.0
Both sexes, 16-19 years	258	324	29.3	29.1	28.7	29.1	29.2	33.8
Household heads	1,522	1,558	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	3.0
Married men, spouse present	980	943	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.4
Full-time workers	3,388	3,560	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.7	4.7	4.6
Part-time workers	976	1,056	7.7	7.3	7.5	8.2	8.4	8.1
Unemployed 15 weeks and over ¹	869	815	1.0	.9	.8	.8	.9c	.9
State insured ²	1,604	2,099	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.2	3.3
Labor force time lost ³	--	--	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.7	5.6
OCCUPATION⁴								
White-collar workers	1,209	1,224	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.2	2.8
Professional and technical	269	239	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.0	1.9
Managers and administrators, except farm	103	134	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.5
Sales workers	201	216	3.6	3.3	4.5	4.0	4.2	3.8
Clerical workers	636	635	4.2	4.0	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.0
Blue-collar workers	1,712	1,937	5.5	5.4	5.2	6.0	6.1	6.1
Craft and kindred workers	444	438	3.8	3.9	3.2	3.8	3.9	3.6
Operatives	874	1,060	5.8	5.6	5.8	7.0	6.8	7.2
Nonfarm laborers	394	439	8.5	8.6	8.3	8.4	9.3	9.0
Service workers	718	721	6.2	5.9	6.2	5.5	6.1	6.1
Farm workers	76	92	2.4	2.3	2.4	1.9	2.1	2.8
INDUSTRY⁴								
Nonagricultural private wage and salary workers ⁵	3,153	3,368	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.3	5.4	5.1
Construction	386	382	8.7	9.1	8.2	9.1	7.9	8.4
Manufacturing	967	1,122	4.6	4.3	4.3	5.1	5.3	5.2
Durable goods	536	637	4.4	3.6	3.9	5.0	5.1	5.0
Nondurable goods	431	485	4.9	5.3	4.9	5.3	5.7	5.5
Transportation and public utilities	140	136	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.8
Wholesale and retail trade	849	932	5.4	5.4	6.1	6.1	6.0	5.8
Finance and service industries	791	780	4.5	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.9	4.4
Government workers	371	405	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.8
Agricultural wage and salary workers	93	121	7.1	7.4	6.4	6.3	6.7c	7.8
VETERAN STATUS								
Males, Vietnam-era veterans ⁶ :								
20 to 34 years	283	290	5.4	3.7	4.3	5.2	5.0	5.1
20 to 24 years	147	115	9.1	7.2	7.5	10.6	10.0	9.0
25 to 29 years	106	141	3.9	2.5	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.3
30 to 34 years	30	34	3.4	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.8
Males, nonveterans:								
20 to 34 years	675	738	5.3	4.6	4.7	5.2	5.4	5.5
20 to 24 years	382	459	7.0	6.5	6.6	7.2	7.9	7.8
25 to 29 years	196	161	5.0	4.2	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.3
30 to 34 years	97	118	2.8	2.0	2.1	3.2	2.8	3.2

¹ Unemployment rate calculated as a percent of civilian labor force.

² Insured unemployment under State programs; unemployment rate calculated as a percent of average covered employment.

³ Man-hours lost by the unemployed and persons on part time for economic reasons as a percent of potentially available labor force man-hours.

⁴ Unemployment by occupation includes all experienced unemployed persons, whereas that by industry covers only unemployed wage and salary workers.

⁵ Includes mining, not shown separately.

⁶ Vietnam-era veterans are those who served after August 4, 1964.

c = corrected.

Table A-3. Selected employment indicators

[In thousands]

Selected categories	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Mar. 1973	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974
Total employed, 16 years and over	82,814	84,878	83,782	85,649	85,669	85,811	85,803	85,863
Males	50,891	51,678	51,761	52,584	52,732	52,910	52,716	52,556
Females	31,923	33,200	32,021	33,065	32,937	32,901	33,087	33,307
Household heads	49,407	50,503	49,616	50,385	50,565	50,807	50,825	50,706
Married men, spouse present	38,624	38,752	38,882	39,237	39,252	39,394	39,268	39,025
Married women, spouse present	18,983	19,446	18,888	19,462	19,334	19,147	19,224	19,349
OCCUPATION								
White-collar workers	40,122	41,704	40,161	41,205	41,138	41,399	41,375	41,743
Professional and technical	11,833	12,444	11,653	11,980	12,030	12,068	12,350	12,260
Managers and administrators, except farm	8,446	8,893	8,493	8,989	9,099	9,186	9,031	8,938
Sales workers	5,361	5,391	5,430	5,425	5,254	5,386	5,408	5,462
Clerical workers	14,482	14,977	14,585	14,811	14,755	14,759	14,586	15,083
Blue-collar workers	28,859	29,007	29,602	30,075	30,101	30,212	29,760	29,773
Craft and kindred workers	10,933	11,371	11,155	11,403	11,357	11,444	11,337	11,603
Operatives	14,027	13,546	14,196	14,414	14,303	14,187	13,990	13,711
Nonfarm laborers	3,899	4,089	4,251	4,258	4,441	4,581	4,433	4,459
Service workers	11,064	11,249	10,945	11,230	11,260	11,098	11,177	11,136
Farm workers	2,768	2,917	3,030	3,102	3,123	3,326	3,380	3,204
MAJOR INDUSTRY AND CLASS OF WORKER								
Agriculture:								
Wage and salary workers	1,068	1,257	1,223	1,340	1,353	1,493	1,469	1,440
Self-employed workers	1,703	1,749	1,780	1,790	1,821	1,887	1,919	1,828
Unpaid family workers	360	329	446	420	405	392	429	408
Nonagricultural industries:								
Wage and salary workers	73,710	75,606	74,334	76,123	76,100	75,984	76,031	76,231
Private households	1,525	1,416	1,512	1,508	1,542	1,438	1,505	1,403
Government	13,706	14,224	13,516	13,690	13,668	13,590	13,844	14,028
Other	58,479	59,966	59,306	60,925	60,890	60,956	60,682	60,800
Self-employed workers	5,412	5,362	5,414	5,409	5,455	5,399	5,458	5,362
Unpaid family workers	562	574	509	528	473	466	461	520
PERSONS AT WORK¹								
Nonagricultural industries	76,400	78,196	75,235	77,252	77,396	76,801	77,164	76,993
Full-time schedules	63,117	64,240	62,866	64,128	64,038	63,847	63,911	63,984
Part time for economic reasons	2,063	2,388	2,213	2,405	2,562	2,586	2,754	2,540
Usually work full time	967	1,261	958	1,143	1,192	1,213	1,381	1,249
Usually work part time	1,096	1,127	1,255	1,262	1,370	1,373	1,373	1,291
Part time for noneconomic reasons	11,220	11,568	10,156	10,719	10,796	10,368	10,499	10,469

¹ Excludes persons "with a job but not at work" during the survey period for such reasons as vacation, illness, or industrial disputes.

Table A-4. Duration of unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Weeks of unemployment	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Mar. 1973	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974
Less than 5 weeks	1,862	2,117	2,168	2,243	2,308	2,466	2,427	2,464
5 to 14 weeks	1,529	1,588	1,337	1,235	1,270	1,437	1,426	1,388
15 weeks and over	1,121	1,051	869	820	740	768	830	815
15 to 26 weeks	680	682	496	469	409	440	505	503
27 weeks and over	441	369	373	351	331	328	325	312
Average (mean) duration, in weeks	12.0	10.8	10.5	10.0	9.3	9.4	9.6	9.4
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 5 weeks	41.3	44.5	49.6	52.2	53.5	52.8	51.8	52.8
5 to 14 weeks	33.9	33.4	30.6	28.7	29.4	30.8	30.5	29.7
15 weeks and over	24.8	22.1	19.9	19.1	17.1	16.4	17.7	17.5
15 to 26 weeks	15.1	14.3	11.3	10.9	9.5	9.4	10.8	10.8
27 weeks and over	9.8	7.8	8.5	8.2	7.7	7.0	6.9	6.7

Table A-5. Reasons for unemployment

[Numbers in thousands]

Reason	Not seasonally adjusted		Seasonally adjusted					
	Mar. 1973	Mar. 1974	Mar. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974
NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED								
Lost last job	1,975	2,335	1,710	1,664	1,761	2,006	2,052	2,022
Left last job	675	712	701	783	765	731	750	739
Reentered labor force	1,299	1,193	1,291	1,227	1,266	1,252	1,240	1,186
Seeking first job	563	516	689	590	593	682	630	632
PERCENT DISTRIBUTION								
Total unemployed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Job losers	43.8	49.1	38.9	39.0	40.2	42.9	43.9	44.2
Job leavers	15.0	15.0	16.0	18.4	17.4	15.6	16.1	16.1
Reentrants	28.8	25.1	29.4	28.8	28.9	26.8	26.5	25.9
New entrants	12.5	10.8	15.7	13.8	13.5	14.6	13.5	13.8
UNEMPLOYED AS A PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE								
Job losers	2.3	2.6	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.2
Job leavers8	.8	.8	.9	.8	.8	.8	.8
Reentrants	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3
New entrants6	.6	.8	.7	.7	.8	.7	.7

Table A-6. Unemployment by sex and age

Sex and age	Not seasonally adjusted			Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates					
	Thousands of persons		Percent looking for full-time work	Mar. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974	Mar. 1974
	Mar. 1973	Mar. 1974							
Total, 16 years and over	4,512	4,755	77.3	5.0	4.7	4.8	5.2	5.2	5.1
16 to 19 years	1,104	1,226	50.2	14.2	14.5	14.4	15.6	15.3	15.0
16 to 17 years	558	618	29.0	17.3	17.2	16.7	19.4	17.9	18.4
18 to 19 years	546	607	71.8	12.1	12.5	12.9	13.3	12.9	12.7
20 to 24 years	1,010	1,065	87.9	7.9	7.2	7.7	8.5	8.6	8.1
25 years and over	2,397	2,465	86.1	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.3
25 to 54 years	1,976	2,037	88.4	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4
55 years and over	423	428	75.0	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.7
Males, 16 years and over	2,531	2,634	81.7	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.4
16 to 19 years	600	665	48.7	13.4	14.3	13.6	14.1	14.6	14.4
16 to 17 years	336	353	32.3	17.1	17.2	16.3	18.8	18.0	17.6
18 to 19 years	264	312	67.3	10.7	12.1	11.9	11.2	11.6	12.1
20 to 24 years	561	601	92.0	7.5	6.6	6.7	7.9	8.3	7.9
25 years and over	1,369	1,368	93.3	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.7
25 to 54 years	1,128	1,121	96.5	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.7
55 years and over	242	247	78.9	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.4
Females, 16 years and over	1,981	2,121	71.7	6.1	5.9	6.2	6.6	6.4	6.2
16 to 19 years	504	561	51.9	15.2	14.8	15.4	17.3	16.2	15.8
16 to 17 years	222	265	24.5	17.7	17.2	17.2	20.1	17.8	19.3
18 to 19 years	282	296	76.4	13.6	13.1	14.0	15.6	14.4	13.4
20 to 24 years	449	464	82.5	8.4	7.9	8.9	9.3	9.0	8.4
25 years and over	1,028	1,097	77.1	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.2
25 to 54 years	848	916	78.5	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.8	4.5
55 years and over	181	181	69.6	3.4	2.7	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.4

Table A-7. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population, seasonally adjusted quarterly averages

(Number in thousands)

Characteristic	1972				1973				1974
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
TOTAL									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	142,344	143,006	143,674	144,281	144,943	145,606	146,266	146,931	147,604
Civilian labor force	85,841	86,295	86,858	87,149	87,625	88,451	88,968	89,896	90,532
As percent of population	60.3	60.3	60.5	60.4	60.5	60.7	60.8	61.2	61.3
Employment	80,807	81,393	82,040	82,555	83,210	84,107	84,755	85,656	86,286
As percent of population	56.8	56.9	57.1	57.2	57.4	57.8	57.9	58.3	58.1
Unemployment	5,034	4,902	4,818	4,594	4,415	4,344	4,213	4,240	4,706
Unemployment rate	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.7	4.7	5.2
Not in labor force	56,503	56,711	56,816	57,132	57,318	57,155	57,298	57,035	57,072
Males, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	59,331	59,662	59,953	60,213	60,518	60,797	61,078	61,380	61,713
Civilian labor force	48,437	48,700	48,959	49,091	49,210	49,371	49,594	49,977	50,258
As percent of population	81.6	81.6	81.7	81.5	81.3	81.2	81.2	81.4	81.4
Employment	46,409	46,704	47,076	47,315	47,535	47,727	48,072	48,472	48,523
As percent of population	78.2	78.3	78.5	78.6	78.5	78.5	78.7	79.0	78.6
Unemployment	2,028	1,996	1,883	1,776	1,675	1,644	1,522	1,505	1,735
Unemployment rate	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.0	3.5
Not in labor force	10,894	10,962	10,994	11,122	11,308	11,426	11,484	11,403	11,455
Females, 20 years and over									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	67,676	67,932	68,232	68,529	68,815	69,095	69,392	69,738	69,937
Civilian labor force	29,444	29,637	29,882	29,882	30,133	30,629	30,984	31,132	31,320
As percent of population	43.5	43.6	43.8	43.6	43.8	44.3	44.7	44.6	44.8
Employment	27,855	27,987	28,237	28,329	28,614	29,173	29,494	29,654	29,719
As percent of population	41.2	41.2	41.4	41.3	41.6	42.2	42.5	42.5	42.5
Unemployment	1,589	1,650	1,645	1,553	1,519	1,456	1,490	1,478	1,601
Unemployment rate	5.4	5.6	5.5	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.1
Not in labor force	38,232	38,295	38,350	38,647	38,682	38,466	38,408	38,606	38,617
Both sexes, 16-19 years									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,337	15,412	15,489	15,539	15,609	15,715	15,796	15,857	15,954
Civilian labor force	7,960	7,958	8,017	8,176	8,282	8,451	8,390	8,787	8,954
As percent of population	51.9	51.6	51.8	52.6	53.1	53.8	53.1	55.4	56.1
Employment	6,543	6,702	6,727	6,911	7,061	7,207	7,189	7,530	7,584
As percent of population	42.7	43.5	43.4	44.5	45.2	45.9	45.5	47.5	47.5
Unemployment	1,417	1,256	1,290	1,265	1,221	1,244	1,201	1,257	1,370
Unemployment rate	17.8	15.8	16.1	15.5	14.7	14.7	14.3	14.3	15.3
Not in labor force	7,377	7,454	7,472	7,363	7,327	7,264	7,406	7,070	7,000
WHITE									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	126,534	127,091	127,650	128,159	128,621	128,986	129,538	130,064	130,562
Civilian labor force	76,316	76,759	77,276	77,459	77,792	78,510	78,856	79,648	80,125
As percent of population	60.3	60.4	60.5	60.4	60.5	60.9	60.9	61.2	61.4
Employment	72,309	72,772	73,399	73,810	74,270	75,062	75,559	76,287	76,393
As percent of population	57.1	57.3	57.5	57.6	57.7	58.2	58.3	58.7	58.5
Unemployment	4,007	3,987	3,877	3,649	3,522	3,448	3,297	3,361	3,731
Unemployment rate	5.3	5.2	5.0	4.7	4.5	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.7
Not in labor force	50,218	50,332	50,374	50,700	50,829	50,476	50,682	50,416	50,437
NEGRO AND OTHER RACES									
Civilian noninstitutional population ¹	15,810	15,915	16,025	16,122	16,321	16,620	16,728	16,866	17,042
Civilian labor force	9,500	9,545	9,587	9,690	9,820	9,946	10,105	10,232	10,376
As percent of population	60.1	60.0	59.8	60.1	60.2	59.8	60.4	60.7	60.9
Employment	8,484	8,624	8,646	8,733	8,940	9,047	9,191	9,348	9,409
As percent of population	53.7	54.2	54.0	54.2	54.8	54.4	54.9	55.4	55.2
Unemployment	1,016	921	941	957	880	899	914	884	967
Unemployment rate	10.7	9.6	9.8	9.9	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.6	9.3
Not in labor force	6,310	6,370	6,438	6,432	6,501	6,674	6,623	6,634	6,666

¹ Because seasonality, by definition, does not exist in population figures, these figures are not seasonally adjusted.

Table A-8. Persons not in labor force, by whether they want jobs, current activity, and reasons for not seeking work, seasonally adjusted quarterly averages

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	1972				1973				1974
	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I
TOTAL									
Total not in labor force	56,503	56,711	56,817	57,132	57,317	57,155	57,298	57,034	57,073
Do not want job now	51,934	52,132	52,473	52,761	53,183	52,183	52,733	53,170	53,253
Current activity:	6,301	6,166	6,454	6,269	6,333	5,760	6,221	6,047	5,911
Going to school	4,238	4,225	4,307	4,483	4,258	4,520	4,807	4,698	4,722
Ill, disabled	32,305	32,388	32,416	32,406	32,601	31,862	31,837	32,322	32,381
Retired	6,564	6,679	6,733	6,792	7,050	7,282	7,221	7,100	7,164
Other	2,526	2,674	2,563	2,811	2,941	2,759	2,647	3,003	3,075
Want a job now	4,503	4,361	4,301	4,664	4,355	4,752	4,314	4,335	4,334
Reason not looking:	1,269	1,102	1,118	1,254	1,284	1,266	1,111	1,131	1,175
School attendance	579	604	637	723	540	640	609	692	652
Ill health, disability	1,101	1,054	1,114	1,111	976	1,109	1,117	956	1,024
Home responsibilities	828	806	716	729	630	787	633	687	682
Think cannot get job	621	540	500	504	444	587	447	493	457
Job-market factors	207	266	216	225	186	200	186	194	225
Personal factors	726	795	716	847	925	950	844	869	801
Other reasons									
MALES									
Total not in labor force	14,034	14,122	14,164	14,349	14,532	14,489	14,615	14,599	14,672
Do not want job now	12,678	12,794	12,878	12,954	13,151	12,990	13,285	13,211	13,445
Want a job now	1,356	1,328	1,286	1,395	1,381	1,499	1,330	1,388	1,227
Reason not looking:	632	577	595	630	698	649	609	608	599
School attendance	257	274	266	286	234	333	279	261	248
Ill health, disability	261	253	198	242	216	261	200	234	166
Think cannot get job	206	224	227	237	233	256	242	285	214
Other reasons ¹									
FEMALES									
Total not in labor force	42,408	42,325	42,629	43,086	43,009	42,397	42,461	42,929	42,919
Do not want job now	39,256	39,338	39,595	39,807	40,032	39,193	39,448	39,959	39,808
Want a job now	3,152	2,987	3,034	3,279	2,977	3,204	3,013	2,970	3,111
Reason not looking:	637	525	523	624	586	617	502	523	576
School attendance	322	330	371	437	306	307	330	431	404
Ill health, disability	1,085	1,016	1,092	1,090	959	1,073	1,100	934	999
Home responsibilities	567	553	518	487	414	526	433	453	516
Think cannot get job	541	563	530	641	712	681	648	629	616
Other reasons									
WHITE									
Total not in labor force	50,113	50,282	50,383	50,842	50,851	50,371	50,721	50,524	50,508
Do not want job now	46,663	46,903	47,001	47,250	47,367	46,696	47,512	47,196	47,077
Want a job now	3,450	3,379	3,382	3,592	3,484	3,675	3,209	3,328	3,431
Reason not looking:	990	885	910	961	976	981	825	879	925
School attendance	408	406	455	543	414	501	421	454	487
Ill health, disability	796	815	817	841	797	896	836	739	818
Home responsibilities	620	586	562	542	488	496	469	551	529
Think cannot get job	636	687	638	705	809	801	658	705	672
Other reasons									
NEGRO AND OTHER RACES									
Total not in labor force	6,345	6,306	6,431	6,490	6,508	6,624	6,611	6,675	6,718
Do not want job now	5,290	5,337	5,475	5,356	5,656	5,568	5,515	5,642	5,843
Want a job now	1,055	969	956	1,134	852	1,056	1,096	1,033	875
Reason not looking:	246	228	211	294	272	317	267	257	217
School attendance	169	189	183	193	122	129	190	246	162
Ill health, disability	287	257	289	281	175	237	272	228	196
Home responsibilities	236	170	167	199	152	234	174	144	162
Think cannot get job	117	125	106	167	131	139	193	158	138
Other reasons									

¹ Includes small number of men not looking for work because of home responsibilities.

NOTE: Detail may not add to totals due to independent seasonal adjustment.

Table B-1. Employees on nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

[In thousands]

Industry	Mar. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974 ^P	Mar. 1974 ^P	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Mar. 1973	Feb. 1974	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974 ^P	Mar. 1974 ^P	Change from Feb. 1974
TOTAL	74,255	75,620	75,754	75,963	1,708	209	76,533	76,773	76,648	-125
GOODS-PRODUCING	23,413	23,740	23,686	23,688	275	2	24,296	24,294	24,143	-151
MINING	598	642	643	640	42	-3	654	658	653	-5
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3,294	3,280	3,317	3,391	97	74	3,636	3,744	3,710	-34
MANUFACTURING	19,521	19,818	19,726	19,657	136	-69	20,006	19,892	19,780	-112
<i>Production workers</i>	14,345	14,513	14,415	14,361	16	-54	14,682	14,557	14,469	-88
DURABLE GOODS	11,431	11,699	11,614	11,547	116	-67	11,774	11,676	11,580	-96
<i>Production workers</i>	8,397	8,557	8,469	8,419	22	-50	8,624	8,520	8,448	-72
Ordnance and accessories	195.7	192.6	189.6	187.7	-8.0	-1.9	192	190	189	-1
Lumber and wood products	616.9	626.5	629.2	633.5	16.6	4.3	645	646	647	1
Furniture and fixtures	513.7	526.8	520.2	520.3	6.6	.1	527	522	523	1
Stone, clay, and glass products ..	672.1	682.6	682.4	690.3	18.2	7.9	704	704	706	2
Primary metal industries	1,287.4	1,333.9	1,324.8	1,319.7	32.3	-5.1	1,343	1,327	1,312	-15
Fabricated metal products	1,430.2	1,458.3	1,441.4	1,433.4	3.2	-8.0	1,466	1,450	1,439	-11
Machinery, except electrical	2,002.1	2,129.1	2,134.2	2,143.5	141.4	9.3	2,133	2,121	2,131	10
Electrical equipment	1,947.0	2,047.3	2,036.9	2,005.0	58.0	-31.9	2,051	2,043	2,015	-28
Transportation equipment	1,855.7	1,763.3	1,709.6	1,665.4	-190.3	-44.2	1,753	1,710	1,657	-53
Instruments and related products ..	482.3	514.1	517.9	517.3	35.0	-.6	516	520	519	-1
Miscellaneous manufacturing	427.8	424.8	427.9	431.2	3.4	3.3	444	443	442	-1
NONDURABLE GOODS	8,090	8,119	8,112	8,110	20	-2	8,232	8,216	8,200	-16
<i>Production workers</i>	5,948	5,956	5,946	5,942	-6	-4	6,058	6,037	6,021	-16
Food and kindred products	1,670.9	1,689.1	1,675.5	1,677.6	6.7	2.1	1,754	1,753	1,755	2
Tobacco manufactures	69.9	75.4	73.1	70.9	1.0	-2.2	76	76	77	1
Textile mill products	1,022.0	1,026.3	1,020.7	1,016.6	-5.4	-4.1	1,029	1,024	1,018	-6
Apparel and other textile products ..	1,359.0	1,295.2	1,309.4	1,301.9	-57.1	-7.5	1,315	1,308	1,293	-15
Paper and allied products	709.5	724.6	723.2	723.7	14.2	.5	729	729	729	0
Printing and publishing	1,093.8	1,103.5	1,107.5	1,105.0	11.2	-2.5	1,106	1,109	1,105	-4
Chemicals and allied products	1,016.2	1,037.6	1,037.3	1,044.2	28.0	6.9	1,046	1,044	1,046	2
Petroleum and coal products	182.5	187.9	188.1	189.8	7.3	1.7	193	193	193	0
Rubber and plastics products, nec ..	671.7	689.3	685.9	687.7	16.0	1.8	693	689	690	1
Leather and leather products	294.5	290.1	290.9	292.2	-2.3	1.3	291	291	294	3
SERVICE-PRODUCING	50,842	51,880	52,068	52,275	1,433	207	52,237	52,479	52,505	26
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4,539	4,618	4,613	4,628	89	15	4,684	4,688	4,670	-18
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	15,880	16,290	16,112	16,167	287	55	16,417	16,456	16,467	11
WHOLESALE TRADE	3,989	4,155	4,139	4,142	153	3	4,184	4,189	4,184	-5
RETAIL TRADE	11,891	12,135	11,973	12,025	134	52	12,233	12,267	12,283	16
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	4,000	4,072	4,089	4,098	98	9	4,109	4,126	4,123	-3
SERVICES	12,627	12,913	13,060	13,136	509	76	13,136	13,219	13,229	10
GOVERNMENT	13,796	13,987	14,194	14,246	450	52	13,891	13,990	14,016	26
FEDERAL	2,623	2,642	2,659	2,662	39	3	2,658	2,670	2,670	0
STATE AND LOCAL	11,173	11,345	11,535	11,584	411	49	11,233	11,320	11,346	26

^P = preliminary.

Table B-2. Average weekly hours of production or nonsupervisory workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

Industry	Mar. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974 ^p	Mar. 1974 ^p	Change from		Seasonally adjusted			
					Mar. 1973	Feb. 1974	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974 ^p	Mar. 1974 ^p	Change from Feb. 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE.....	36.9	36.4	36.5	36.6	-0.3	0.1	36.7	36.9	36.8	-0.1
MINING.....	41.4	42.3	42.6	40.7	-.7	-1.9	42.6	43.2	41.2	-2.0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION.....	36.6	34.9	36.3	36.8	.2	.5	36.2	37.6	37.2	-.4
MANUFACTURING.....	40.8	40.0	40.1	40.2	-.6	.1	40.3	40.5	40.3	-.2
<i>Overtime hours.....</i>	3.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	-.4	0	3.4	3.5	3.5	0
DURABLE GOODS.....	41.6	40.5	40.7	40.9	-.7	.2	40.8	41.1	40.9	-.2
<i>Overtime hours.....</i>	4.0	3.4	3.4	3.5	-.5	.1	3.5	3.6	3.6	0
Ordnance and accessories.....	42.6	41.8	42.1	43.3	.7	1.2	41.9	42.1	43.1	1.0
Lumber and wood products.....	40.9	39.5	40.1	40.3	-.6	.2	40.4	40.7	40.4	-.3
Furniture and fixtures.....	40.3	39.2	38.8	39.0	-1.3	.2	39.8	39.6	39.3	-.3
Stone, clay, and glass products..	42.1	40.6	41.1	41.2	-.9	.1	41.6	41.9	41.4	-.5
Primary metal industries.....	42.3	41.8	41.4	41.6	-.7	.2	41.8	41.4	41.4	0
Fabricated metal products.....	41.5	40.6	40.8	41.0	-.5	.2	41.0	41.3	41.2	-.1
Machinery, except electrical....	42.9	42.3	42.4	42.6	-.3	.2	42.3	42.5	42.3	-.2
Electrical equipment.....	40.6	39.5	39.6	39.8	-.8	.2	39.6	40.1	39.8	-.3
Transportation equipment.....	42.0	39.6	40.1	40.4	-1.6	.3	40.0	40.6	40.4	-.2
Instruments and related products..	40.7	40.4	40.6	40.6	-.1	0	40.6	40.9	40.6	-.3
Miscellaneous manufacturing....	39.3	38.0	38.7	39.0	-.3	.3	38.3	39.0	39.0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS.....	39.6	39.2	39.2	39.3	-.3	.1	39.6	39.6	39.5	-.1
<i>Overtime hours.....</i>	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.1	-.2	0	3.4	3.3	3.3	0
Food and kindred products.....	39.7	40.5	40.1	40.2	.5	.1	40.8	40.8	40.7	-.1
Tobacco manufactures.....	37.4	38.9	37.8	37.6	.2	-.2	39.5	38.9	39.0	.1
Textile mill products.....	41.2	40.2	40.3	40.2	-1.0	-.1	40.6	40.6	40.3	-.3
Apparel and other textile products	36.3	34.7	35.5	35.6	-.7	.1	35.2	35.7	35.5	-.2
Paper and allied products.....	42.8	42.6	42.2	42.1	-.7	-.1	42.8	42.6	42.4	-.2
Printing and publishing.....	38.0	37.2	37.2	37.3	-.7	.1	37.7	37.6	37.3	-.3
Chemicals and allied products....	42.0	41.7	41.7	41.9	-.1	.2	41.8	41.9	41.9	0
Petroleum and coal products....	41.4	41.8	41.9	42.0	.6	.1	42.5	42.6	42.6	0
Rubber and plastics products, nec	41.3	40.5	40.6	40.5	-.8	-.1	40.6	40.9	40.7	-.2
Leather and leather products....	37.6	37.2	37.7	38.0	.4	.3	37.2	37.8	38.3	.5
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES.....	40.2	40.4	40.2	40.3	.1	.1	40.8	40.3	40.5	.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE.....	34.5	33.9	33.9	33.9	-.6	0	34.3	34.4	34.2	-.2
WHOLESALE TRADE.....	39.6	38.9	38.7	38.7	-.9	0	39.1	38.9	38.8	-.1
RETAIL TRADE.....	32.9	32.3	32.3	32.3	-.6	0	32.8	32.9	32.8	-.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE.....	37.0	36.9	37.0	36.9	-.1	-.1	36.9	37.0	36.9	-.1
SERVICES.....	33.9	33.8	33.9	33.9	0	0	34.0	34.1	34.0	-.1

¹Data relate to production workers in mining and manufacturing; to construction workers in contract construction; and to nonsupervisory workers in transportation and public utilities; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance, and real estate; and services. These groups account for approximately four-fifths of the total employment on private nonagricultural payrolls.

p = preliminary.

Table B-3. Average hourly and weekly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers¹ on private nonagricultural payrolls, by industry

Industry	Average hourly earnings						Average weekly earnings					
	Mar. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974 ^p	Mar. 1974 ^p	Change from		Mar. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb. 1974 ^p	Mar. 1974 ^p	Change from	
					Mar. 1973	Feb. 1974					Mar. 1973	Feb. 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$3.80	\$4.02	\$4.04	\$4.05	\$0.25	\$0.01	\$140.22	\$146.33	\$147.46	\$148.23	\$8.01	\$0.77
Seasonally adjusted	3.81	4.02	4.04	4.06	.25	.02	141.35	147.53	149.08	149.41	8.06	.33
MINING	4.55	4.99	4.98	4.94	.39	-.04	188.37	211.08	212.15	201.06	12.69	-11.09
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	6.28	6.74	6.74	6.74	.46	0	229.85	235.23	244.66	248.03	18.18	3.37
MANUFACTURING	3.98	4.21	4.21	4.23	.25	.02	162.38	168.40	168.82	170.05	7.67	1.23
DURABLE GOODS	4.23	4.47	4.47	4.49	.26	.02	175.97	181.04	181.93	183.64	7.67	1.71
Ordnance and accessories	4.17	4.49	4.51	4.52	.35	.01	177.64	187.68	189.87	195.72	18.08	5.85
Lumber and wood products	3.47	3.68	3.72	3.73	.26	.01	141.92	145.36	149.17	150.32	8.40	1.15
Furniture and fixtures	3.19	3.36	3.39	3.42	.23	.03	128.56	131.71	131.53	133.38	4.82	1.85
Stone, clay, and glass products	4.07	4.27	4.30	4.32	.25	.02	171.35	173.36	176.73	177.98	6.63	1.25
Primary metal industries	4.88	5.24	5.25	5.30	.42	.05	206.42	219.03	217.35	220.48	14.06	3.13
Fabricated metal products	4.15	4.38	4.38	4.42	.27	.04	172.23	177.83	178.70	181.22	8.99	2.52
Machinery, except electrical	4.46	4.73	4.75	4.77	.31	.02	191.33	200.08	201.40	203.20	11.87	1.80
Electrical equipment	3.79	3.98	3.97	3.99	.20	.02	153.87	157.21	157.21	158.80	4.93	1.59
Transportation equipment	4.96	5.28	5.23	5.26	.30	.03	208.32	209.09	209.72	212.50	4.18	2.78
Instruments and related products	3.82	4.04	4.06	4.07	.25	.01	155.47	163.22	164.84	165.24	9.77	.40
Miscellaneous manufacturing	3.23	3.41	3.42	3.41	.18	-.01	126.94	129.58	132.35	132.99	6.05	.64
NONDURABLE GOODS	3.61	3.83	3.83	3.85	.24	.02	142.96	150.14	150.14	151.31	8.35	1.17
Food and kindred products	3.77	4.00	4.02	4.04	.27	.02	149.67	162.00	161.20	162.41	12.74	1.21
Tobacco manufactures	3.70	3.92	3.89	4.01	.31	.12	138.38	152.49	147.04	150.78	12.40	3.74
Textile mill products	2.88	3.06	3.06	3.07	.19	.01	118.66	123.01	123.32	123.41	4.75	.09
Apparel and other textile products	2.73	2.85	2.86	2.88	.15	.02	99.10	98.90	101.53	102.53	3.43	1.00
Paper and allied products	4.08	4.33	4.31	4.34	.26	.03	174.62	184.46	181.88	182.71	8.09	.83
Printing and publishing	4.60	4.79	4.83	4.87	.27	.04	174.80	178.19	179.68	181.65	6.85	1.97
Chemicals and allied products	4.36	4.64	4.64	4.65	.29	.01	183.12	193.49	193.49	194.84	11.72	1.35
Petroleum and coal products	5.15	5.40	5.43	5.43	.28	0	213.21	225.72	227.52	228.06	14.85	.54
Rubber and plastics products, nec	3.73	3.92	3.93	3.93	.20	0	154.05	158.76	159.56	159.17	5.12	-.9
Leather and leather products	2.80	2.90	2.93	2.95	.15	.02	105.28	107.88	110.46	112.10	6.82	1.64
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	4.89	5.21	5.22	5.21	.32	-.01	196.58	210.48	209.84	209.96	13.38	.12
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	3.14	3.35	3.36	3.38	.24	.02	108.33	113.57	113.90	114.58	6.25	.68
WHOLESALE TRADE	4.03	4.29	4.30	4.33	.30	.03	159.59	166.88	166.41	167.57	7.98	1.16
RETAIL TRADE	2.81	2.99	2.99	3.01	.20	.02	92.45	96.58	96.58	97.22	4.77	.64
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	3.55	3.74	3.76	3.76	.21	0	131.35	138.01	139.12	138.74	7.39	-.38
SERVICES	3.30	3.50	3.53	3.52	.22	-.01	111.87	118.30	119.67	119.33	7.46	-.34

¹ See footnote 1, table B-2.

p = preliminary.

Table B-4. Hourly Earnings Index for production or nonsupervisory workers in private nonfarm industries, seasonally adjusted

[1967=100]

Industry	Mar. 1973	Oct. 1973	Nov. 1973	Dec. 1973	Jan. 1974	Feb.P 1974	Mar.P 1974	Percent change from	
								Mar. 1973- Mar. 1974	Feb. 1974- Mar. 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE NONFARM:									
Current dollars	143.3	149.6	150.3	151.3	151.7	152.4	153.1	6.8	.5
Constant (1967) dollars	110.4	109.5	109.1	109.3	108.4	107.5	NA	<u>1/</u>	<u>2/</u>
MINING	142.5	148.4	150.2	r 152.1	154.2	154.4	155.6	9.2	.8
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	152.6	159.2	160.3	161.2	160.5	162.3	163.0	6.8	.4
MANUFACTURING	140.4	146.5	147.0	147.9	148.5	149.3	150.2	6.9	.6
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	152.1	159.8	160.0	160.2	161.1	161.3	162.1	6.6	.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	140.2	146.2	146.9	147.9	148.8	149.0	150.4	7.3	.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	136.9	142.7	143.6	145.5	145.2	145.5	146.1	6.7	.4
SERVICES	143.6	149.1	149.9	151.3	152.1	152.8	153.0	6.6	.2

1 Percent change was -2.8 from February 1973 to February 1974, the latest month available.

2 Percent change was -0.8 from January 1974 to February 1974, the latest month available.

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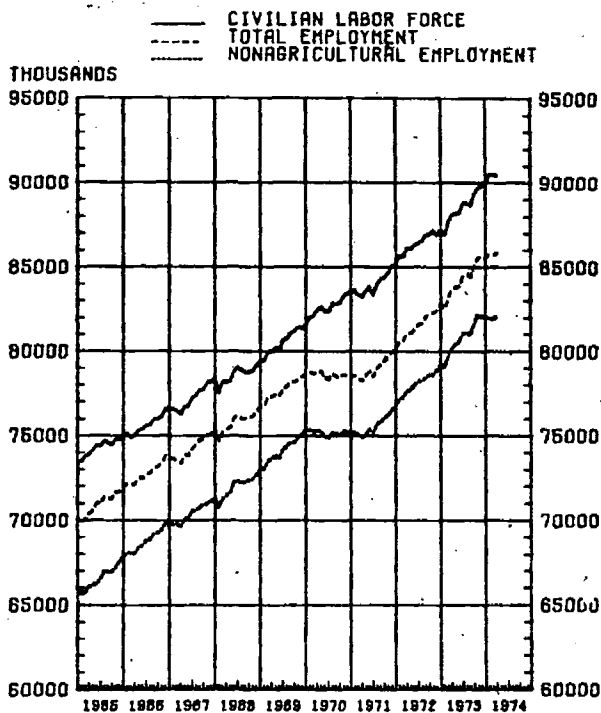
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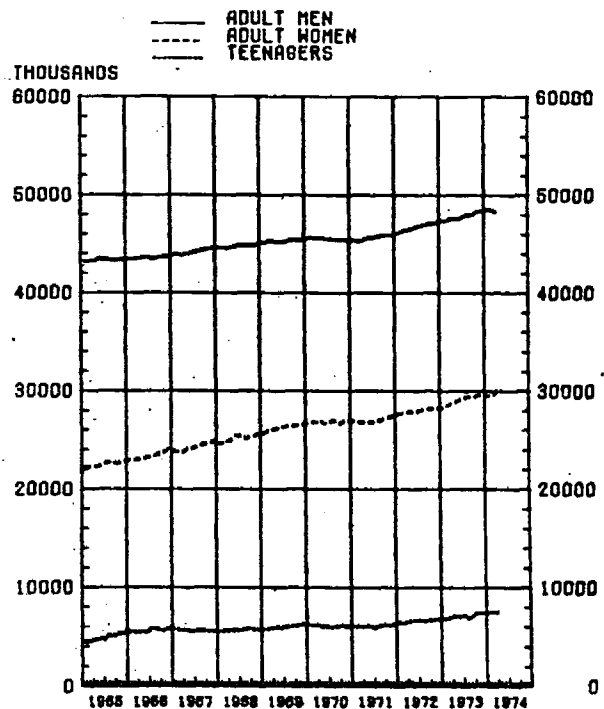
NOTE: All series are in current dollars except where indicated. The index excludes effects of two types of changes that are unrelated to underlying wage-rate developments: Fluctuations in overtime premiums in manufacturing (the only sector for which overtime data are available) and the effects of changes in the proportion of workers in high-wage and low-wage industries. The seasonal adjustment eliminates the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude each year.

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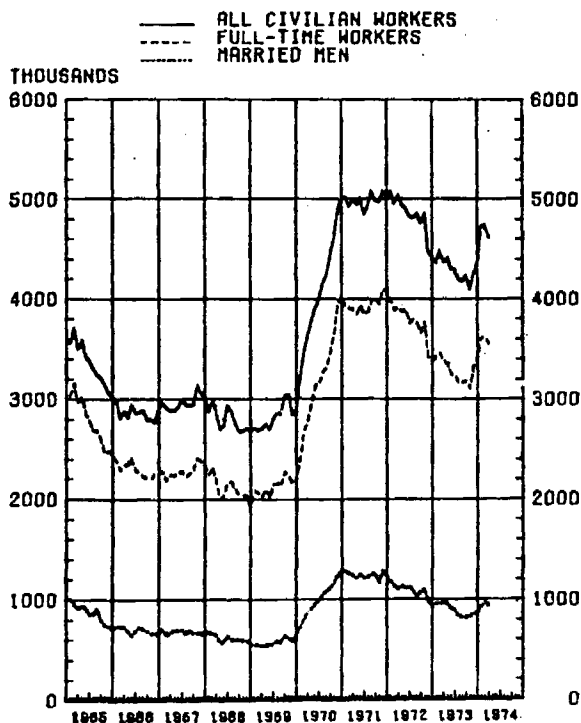
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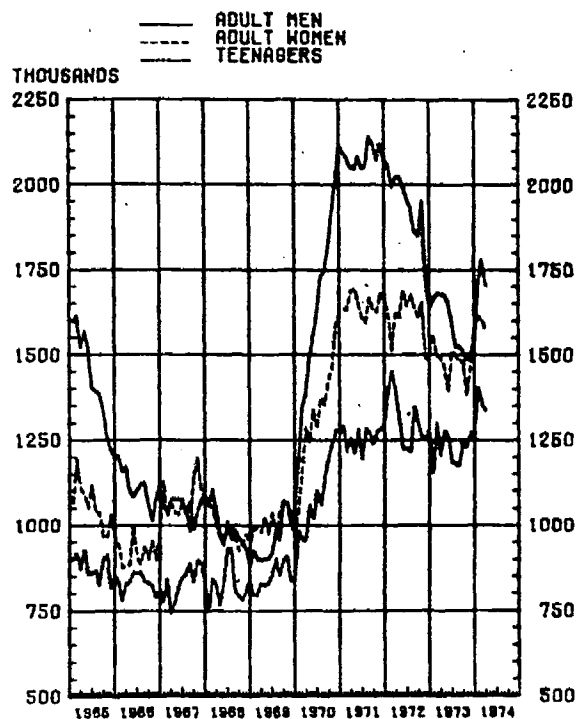
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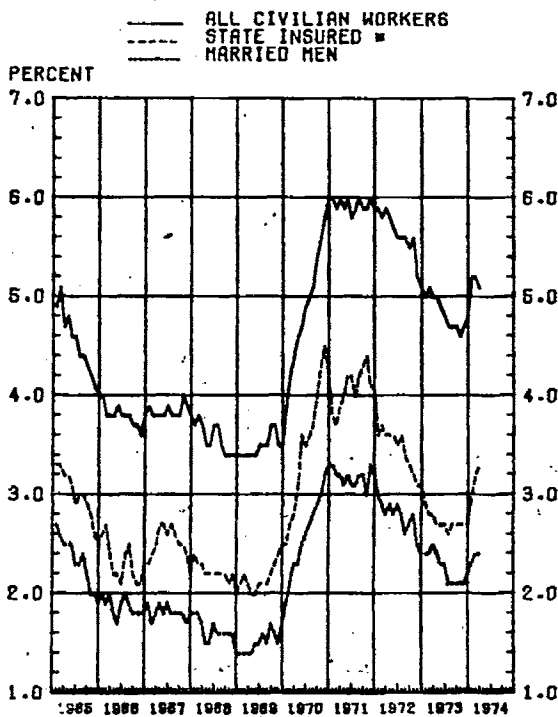


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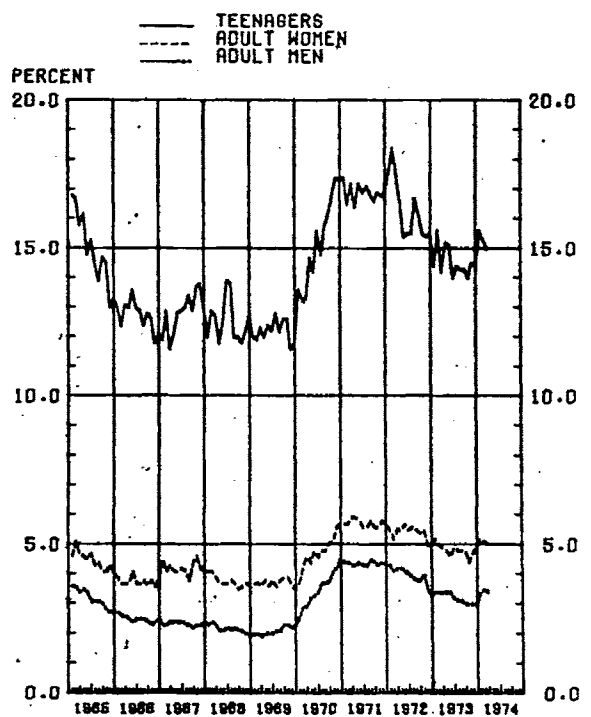


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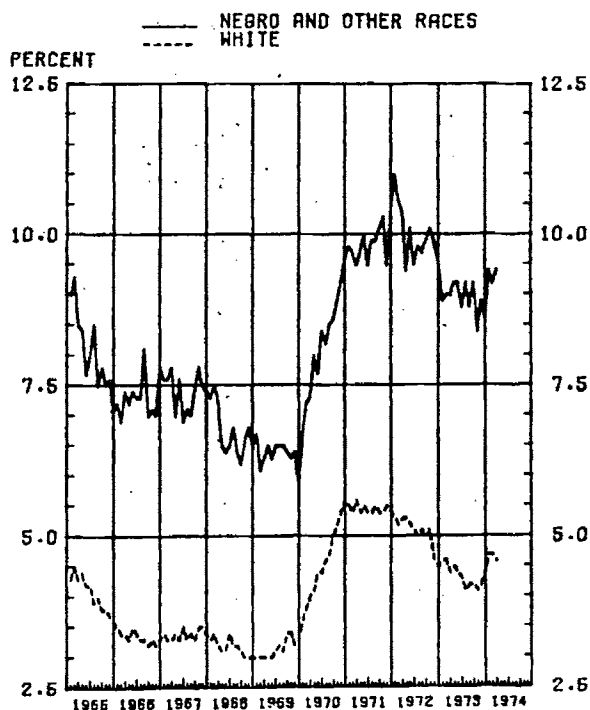
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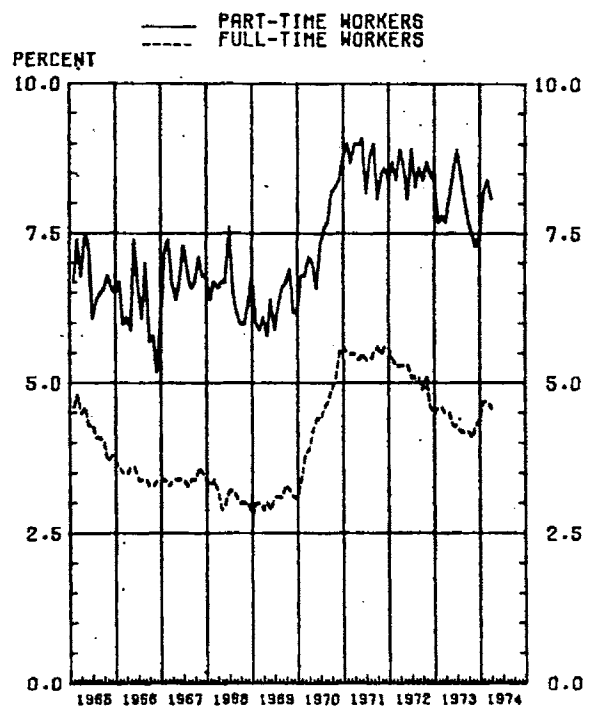
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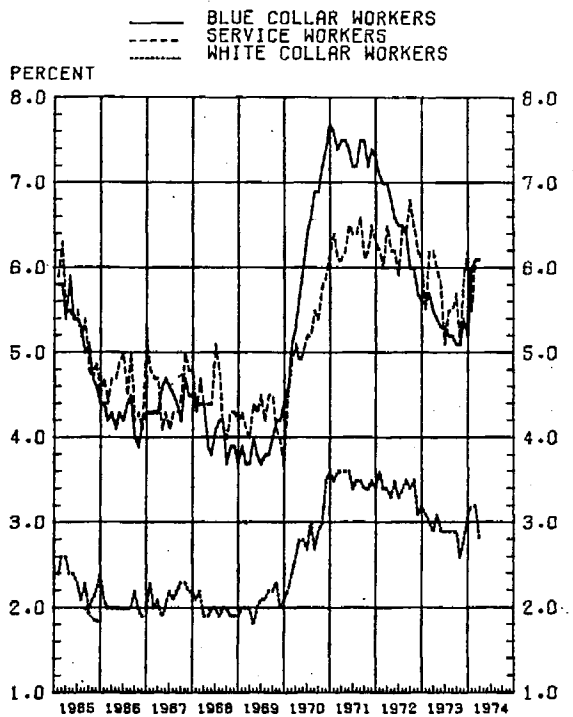
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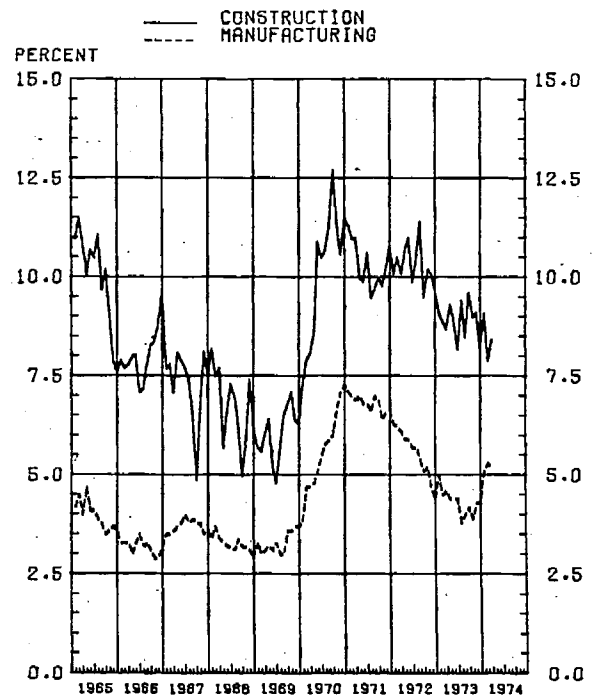
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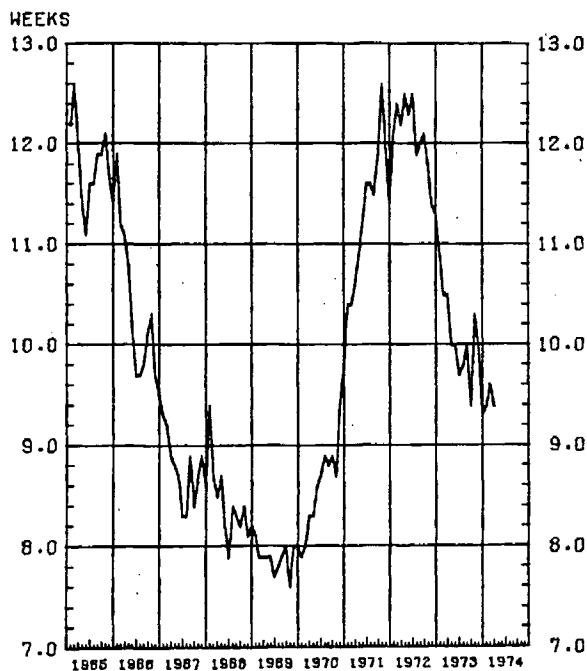
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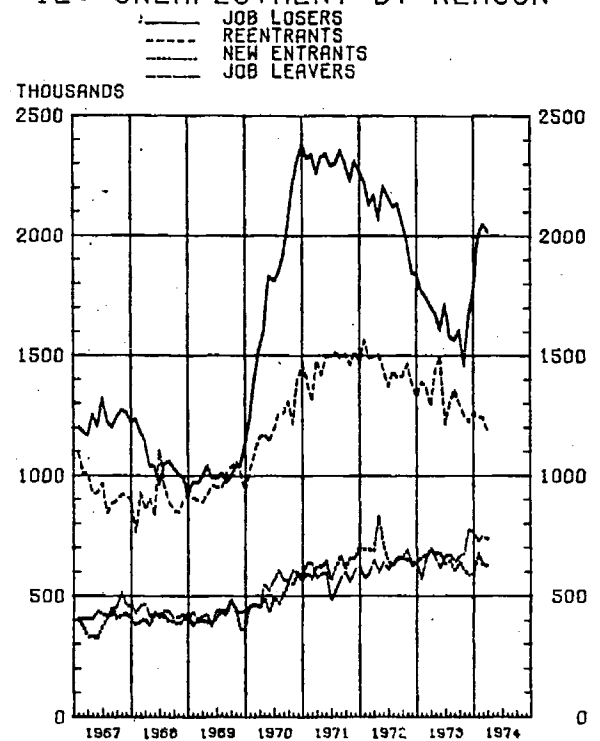
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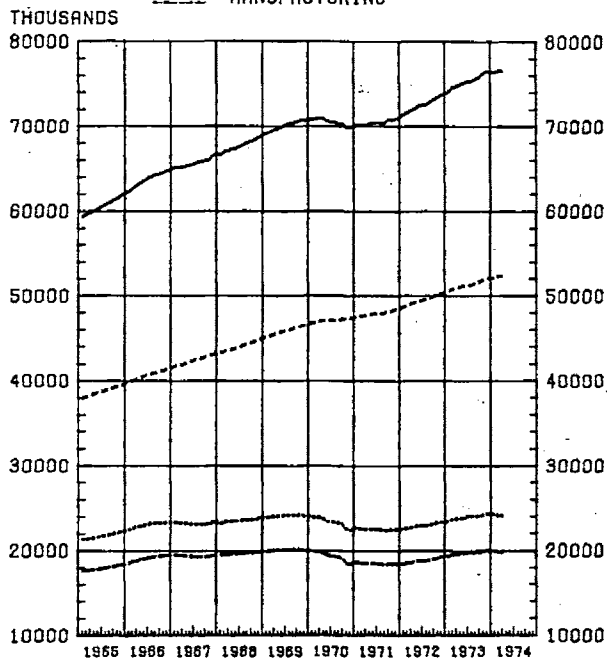
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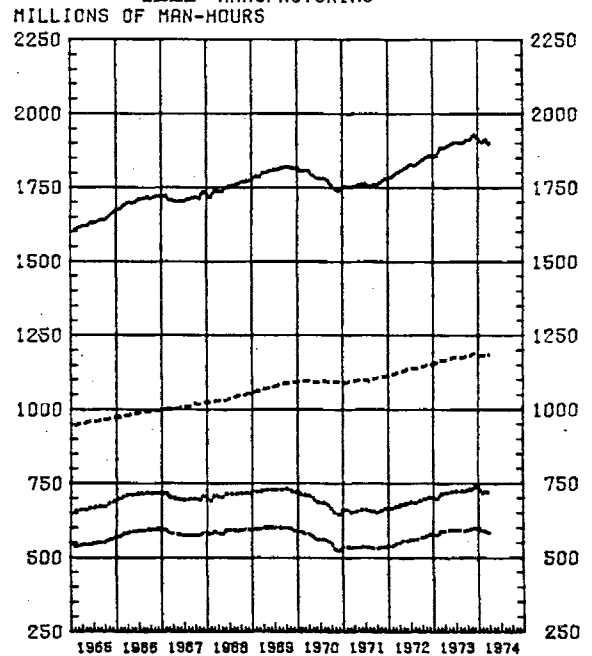
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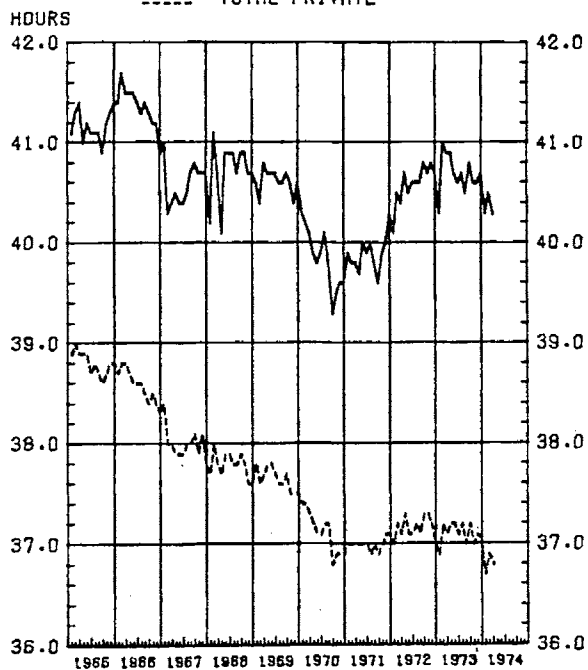
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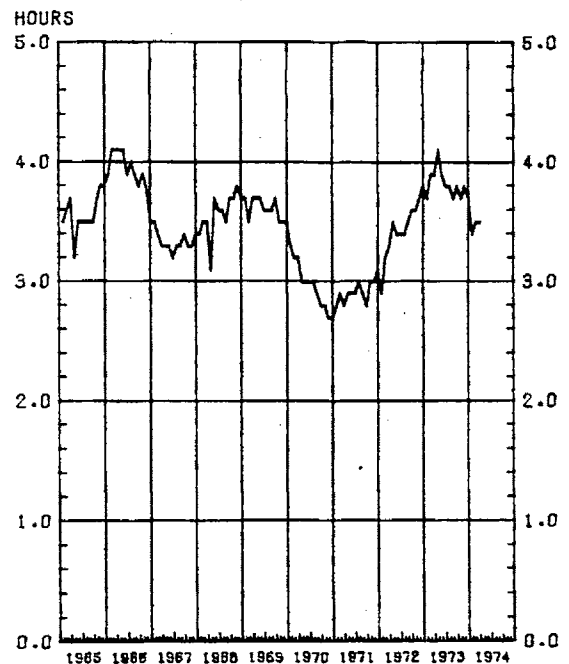


15. AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS

— MANUFACTURING
- - - TOTAL PRIVATE



16. AVERAGE WEEKLY OVERTIME HOURS IN MANUFACTURING



NOTE: Charts 14 and 15 relate to production or nonsupervisory workers; chart 16 relates to production workers. Data for the 2 most recent months are preliminary in charts 13-16.